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With the Catechisme: that is to say, an Instruction to bee taught and learned of euery Child, before he bee brought to be confirmed by the Bishop.



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The Catechiſme,

That is to ſay, an Inſtruction, to be taught and learned of euery Childe, before he be brought to bee confirmed by the Biſhop.

Maiſter.

What is your name?

Scholler.

N. or M.

Maiſter.

Who gaue you this name?

Scholler.

My Godfathers and Godmothers in my Baptiſme, wherein I was made a member of Chriſt, the Childe of God, and an Inheritor of the Kingdome of Heauen.

Maiſter.

What did your Godfathers and Godmothers then for you?

Scholler.

Scholler.

They did promiſe and vow three things in my name.

Firſt, that I ſhould forſake the Deuill, and all his workes, and pomps, the vanities of this wicked world, and all the ſinfull luſts of the fleſh.

Secondly, that I ſhould beleeue all the articles of the Chriſtian faith.

And thirdly, that I ſhould keepe Gods holy wil & Commandements, and walke in the ſame all the dayes of my life.

Maiſter.

Doeſt thou not thinke that thou art bound to beleeue, and to doe as they haue promiſed for thee?

Scholler.

Yes verily: And by Gods helpe ſo I will. And I heartily thanke our Heauenly Father, that he hath called me to this ſtate of ſaluation, through

Iesus Christ our Sauiour, and I pray god to giue me his grace, that I may continue in the same vnto my liues end.

Maister.

Rehearse the Articles of thy Beliefe.

Scholler.

I Beleeue in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heauen and Earth: And in Iesus Christ his onely Sonne our Lord, which was conceiued by the holy Ghost, borne of the Virgin Mary, suffered vnder Ponce Pilate: was crucified, dead, and buried: hee descended into hell: the third day he rose againe from the dead: Hee ascended into heauen, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence hee shall come to iudge the quicke and the dead. I beleeue in the holy Ghost: The holy Catholike Church: The commu-

communion of Saints: the forgiuenes of sins: The resurrection of the body: And the life euerlasting, Amen.

Maister.

What doest thou chiefely learne in these Articles of thy Beliefe?

Scholler.

First, I learne to belieue in God the Father, who hath made mee and all the world: Secondly, in God the Sonne, who hath redeemed me, and all mankinde: Thirdly, in God the holy Ghost, who sanctifieth me, and all the elect people of God.

Maister.

You sayd that your Godfathers and godmothers did promise for you, that you should keepe Gods Commandements. Tell mee how many there bee.

Scholler.

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Maister.

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Which be they?

Scholler.

The ſame which God ſpake in the xx. Chapter of Exodus, ſaying: I am the Lord thy God which haue brought thee out of the land of Egipt out of the houſe of bondage.

i. Thou ſhalt haue none other gods but me.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs, and encline our hearts to keepe his Law.

ii. Thou ſhalt not make to thy ſelfe any grauen Image, nor the likeneſſe of any thing, that is in heauen aboue, or in the earth beneath, or in the water vnder the earth: Thou ſhalt not bowe downe to them, nor worſhip them. For I the Lord thy God, am a iealous God, and viſite the ſins of the Fathers vpon the Children, vnto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and ſhew mercy vnto thouſands in them that loue me and

and keepe my commandements.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs, &c.

iii. Thou ſhalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vaine: for the Lord will not hold him guiltles that taketh his name in vaine.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs, &c.

iiii. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day: Sixe daies thou ſhalt labour, anddo all that thou haſt to doe: But the ſeauenth day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou ſhalt doe no manner of worke, thou, and thy ſonne, and thy Daughter, thy man-ſeruant, and thy maid-ſeruant, thy cattell, and the ſtranger that is within thy gates. For in ſixe dayes the Lord made Heauen and earth, the ſea, and all that in them is, and reſted the Seauenth day. Wherefore the Lord bleſſed the ſeauenth day, and hallowed it.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs, &c.

v. Honour thy Father and mother, that thy daies may be long in ỹ land which the Lord thy God giueth thee.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs, &c.

vi. Thou ſhalt do no murther.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs, &c.

vii. Thou ſhalt not commit adulterie.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs, &c.

viii. Thou ſhalt not ſteale.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs, &c.

ix. Thou ſhalt not beare falſe witneſſe againſt thy neighbour.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs, &c.

x. Thou ſhalt not couet thy Neighbours houſe, thou ſhalt not couet thy neighbours wife, nor his ſeruant, nor his maide, nor his oxe, nor his aſſe, nor any thing that is his.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs, and write all theſe thy lawes in our hearts we beſeech thee.

Maiſter.

What

What doest thou chiefely learne by these commandements?

Scholler.

I learne two things. My dutie towards God: and my duty towards my neighbour.

Maister.

What is thy duty towards God?

Scholler.

My duty towards God is, to beleeue in him, to feare him, and to loue him with all my heart, with all my mind, with all my soule, and with all my strength: To worship him: To giue him thanks: To put my whole trust in him: To call vpon him: To honour his holy name, and his word, and to serue him truly all the daies of my life.

Maister.

What is thy dutie towardes thy neighbour?

Scholler.

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My dutie towards my neighbour is, to loue him as my ſelfe, and to do to all men as I would they ſhould do to me: To loue, honor, and ſuccour my Father and mother: To honour and obey the King and his miniſters: To ſubmit my ſelfe to all my Gouernors, Teachers, ſpirituall Paſtors, and Maiſters: To order my ſelfe lowly, and reuerently to all my betters: To hurt no body by word nor deed: To be true and iuſt in all my dealings: To beare no malice nor hatred in my heart: To keepe my hands from pieking and ſtealing, and my tongue from euill ſpeaking, lying, and ſlandering: To keepe my body in temperance, ſoberneſſe, and chaſtity: not to couet nor deſire other mens goods: but learne and labour truely to get mine owne liuing, and to do my duty in that ſtate of life, vnto the which it ſhall pleaſe God to call me.

Maiſter.

Maister.

What is the duty of Subiects towards their Prince?

Scholler.

The holy Apostles Saint Paule and Saint Peter declaring that the higher powers are ordayned of God, and that whosoeuer doe resist the power, resist the ordinance of God, and do purchase to themselues damnation; do straightly charge all Subiects to feare, loue, and honour their Prince, humbly to obey all their Princes lawes, commaundements, and Ministers or Officers, and that not for feare onely, but for conscience sake also; To pay all Tributes and Subsidies due to their Prince, and with all their goods and body, faithfully to serue their Prince, heartily to pray to God for their Prince, that he may continue and increase in all goodnesse and godlinesse, or for his amend-

amendment, if it chance that hee bee euill. And in all things to be themselues good Subiects, that they may the better deserue to haue a good Prince.

Maister.

Now tell me the duty of Children towards their Parents.

Scholler.

The holy Scriptures doe teach Children to obey their Parents, and to serue them, to feare, loue, honour, and reuerence them, not only in word and deed, but in their hearts and minds also. To follow their good precepts and examples of life. And patiently to take correction at their hands: And to make continuall and hearty prayers vnto God for them, and to relieue and nourish their Parents in case they shall fall into pouerty or decay, and in all points (by shewing themselues obedient and good

good children) to moue their parents to be louing and good to them.

Maister.

What is the duety of Parishioners and hearers, towards their Pastors and Preachers.

Scholler.

Parishioners and hearers are commanded in the Word of God, to giue double honour vnto their Pastors and Preachers, that is, aswell to reuerence and obey them, as also to assist and ayde them in word and deed: And they ought to take great care that the good seed of Gods Word, by them sowen, through the lacke of their good heed taking and following of the same, doe not perish, as fall into stony or barren grounds.

Maister.

Declare now the duty of seruants.

Scholler.

Seruants are thus taught their duties to their Maisters in the holy Scriptures: Seruants, obey them that are your bodily Maisters, in all things, with feare and trembling, in singlenesse of your hearts, as vnto Christ, not with eye-seruice, as men-pleasers, but as the Seruantes of Christ: and whatsoeuer ye doe, doe it as the will of God, heartily and with good will, as seruing the Lord, and not men; knowing, that of the Lord ye shall receiue the reward of inheritance: for ye serue the Lord Christ.

Maister.

What is the duty of Parents towards their children?

Scholler.

The duety of Parents towardes their Children (as the same Apostle S. Paul

S. Paul teacheth) is to bring them vp, euen from the cradle, in the feare and nurture of the Lord, in shamefastnes, hatred of vice, and loue of all vertue; and to bee themselues vnto their Children examples of all godlinesse and vertuousnesse. And they ought to see their children kept from idlenesse, the mother of all mischiefes, and brought vp either in learning, or in some good science or art, whereby they may get their liuings with honesty and truth, when they come to age.

Maister.

Proceed now to the duties of maisters and housholders.

Scholler.

I haue learned, that maisters and housholders, as they are become in the stead of parents to their seruants and famlies: so ought they to refraine

them from idlenesse, and by diligent instruction and good example, to bring vp their seruants and Houshoulds in honest and comely manners, and in all vertue. And they ought to instruct their Apprentices in the knowledge of their occupations, euen as parents would teach their owne Children, without all fraud, delaying or concealing: and when correction is necessary, they ought to giue it them, with such discretion, pity, and desire of their amendment, as louing parents vse to deale with their deare Children: remembring alway, that they haue also a Maister in Heauen.

Maister.

Tell me now the duty of husbands towards their wiues.

Scholler.

I haue learned that the holy Apo-

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ſle Saint Peter (who was himſelfe a married man) and Saint Paul alſo doe teach married men to liue with their wiues diſcreetly, according vnto knowledge, and without all bitternesſe: and to loue, cheriſh, and to nouriſh their Wiues, euen as their owne bodies, yea, that Husbands ought to loue their Wiues euen as Chriſt loued the Church, and gaue himſelfe for it, to ſanctifie it.

Maiſter.

Shew me now how wiues ought to behaue themſelues towards their husbands.

Scholler.

I haue learned alſo, that the ſame holy Apoſtles S. Paul and Saint Peter doe teach, that wiues ought to reuerence their husbands, and that

they should submit themselues, and bee obedient vnto their owne Husbands as vnto the Lord: for the husband is the wiues head, euen as Christ is the head of the Church. Therefore as the Church or congregation is subiect vnto Christ, so likewise the wiues also should be in subiection vnto their owne Husbands in all things, as is conuenient in the Lord: euen as Sarah obeyed Abraham and called him lord. And wiues are forbidden in the holy Scriptures to weare gorgeous or sumptuous apparell, or broydered hayre trimmed with gold, but that, after the example of holy women that trusted in God, they should be sober in outward apparell, and be decked Inwardly with Vertues of their minds, as with gentlenesse, meekenesse, quietnesse, and chastitie, which are most precious things in the sight of God.

Maister,

Maiſter.

My good Childe know this, that thou art not able to do theſe things of thy ſelfe, nor to walke in the commandements of God, and to ſerue him, without his ſpecial grace, which thou muſt learne at all times to call for by diligent prayer. Let me heare therefore if thou canſt ſay the Lords prayer.

Scholler.

OUr Father which art in heauen, hallowed bee thy Name: Thy kingdome come: Thy will bee done in earth as it is in heauen: Giue vs this day our dayly bread: And forgiue vs our treſpaſſes, as we forgiue them that treſpaſſe againſt vs: And leade vs not into temptation: But deliuer vs from euill. Amen.

Maiſter.

What deſireſt thou of God in this prayer?

Scholler.

I deſire my Lord God our heauenly Father, who is the giuer of all goodneſſe, to ſend his grace vnto me and to all people, that we may worſhip him, ſerue him, and obey him, as we ought to doe. And I pray vnto God, that hee will ſend vs all things that bee needfull both for our ſoules & bodies: and that he will be mercifull vnto vs, and forgiue vs our ſins: And that it will pleaſe him to ſaue and defend vs from all dangers ghoſtly and bodyly: and that he will keepe vs from all ſin and wickednesſe, and from our ghoſtly enemy, and from euerlaſting death. And this I truſt hee will doe of his mercy & goodneſſe, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. And therefore I ſay, Amen. So be it.

Maiſter.

How many Sacraments hath Chriſt ordained in his Church?

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Scholler.

Two onely, as generally necessary to salvation: that is to say, Baptisme and the Supper of the Lord.

Maister.

What meanest thou, by this word Sacrament?

Scholler.

I meane an outward and visible signe, of an Inward and Spirituall grace giuen vnto vs, ordained by Christ himselfe, as a meanes, whereby we receiue ỳ same, and as a pledge to assure vs thereof.

Maister.

How many parts bee there in a Sacrament?

Scholler.

Two: the outward visible signe, and the inward spirituall grace.

Maister.

What is the outward visible signe,

or forme in Baptisme?

Scholler.

Water wherein the person baptized is dipped, or sprinkled with it, In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy-ghost.

Maister.

What is the inward and Spirituall grace?

Scholler.

A death vnto sin, and a new birth vnto righteousnesse: for, being by nature borne in sinne, and the children of wrath, we are hereby made the Children of Grace.

Maister.

What is required of persons to bee baptized?

Scholler.

Repentance, whereby they forsake sin, and faith, whereby they stedfastly beleeue the promises of God made

to

to them in that Sacrament.

Maister.

Why then are Infants Baptized, when by reason of their tender age they cannot performe them?

Scholler.

Yes: they doe performe them by their sureties, who promise and vow them both in their names: which, when they come to age, themselues are bound to performe.

Maister.

Why was the Sacrament of the Lords Supper ordayned?

Scholler.

For the continuall remembrance of the Sacrifice of the death of Christ, and the benefits which wee receiue thereby.

Maister.

What is the outward part or signe of the Lords Supper?

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Scholler.

Bread and Wine, which the Lord hath commanded to be receiued.

Maister.

What is the inward part or thing signified?

Scholler.

The bodie and bloud of Christ, which are verily and indeed taken and receiued of the faithfull in the Lords Supper.

Maister.

What are the benefits whereof we are partakers thereby?

Scholler.

The strengthening and refreshing of our soules, by the Body and bloud of Christ, as our bodyes are by the Bread and Wine.

Maister.

What is required of them which come to the Lords Supper?

Scholler

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To examine themselues whether they repent them truely of their former sinnes, stedfastly purposing to leade a newe life, haue a liuely faith in Gods mercy through Christ, with a thankefull remembrance of his death, and be in charity with all men.

The end of the Catechisme.

Graces to bee sayd before and after Meate.

Grace before Meate.

The eyes of all things do looke vp and trust in thee, O Lord: thou giuest them meat in due season: thou openest thy hand and fillest with thy blessing euery liuing thing. Good Lord bless vs, and all the gifts which we receiue of thy bountyous liberality, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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Grace after meate.

THe King of Eternall glory make vs partakers of his heavenly table, Amen.

God save his Church, &c.

Grace before meate.

WHether ye eate or drinke, (saith S. Paul) or whatsoever ye do else, let all be done to ỹ praise & glory of God, Amen.

God save his Church, &c.

Grace after meate.

THe God of all glory & power who hath created, redeemed, & presently fed vs be blessed and praysed now & for ever more, Amen.

God save his Church, &c.

Grace before meate.

CHrist which at his last Supper gave himselfe vnto vs, promising his body to be crucified, & his blood to be shed for our sins, blesse vs and our meate, Amen.

God save his Church, &c.

Grace before meate.

GRant (O most mercifull Father) that our hunger and thirst being satisfied with moderate vse of these thy gifts, sanctified with thy holy word, we may both in body and mind, bee apt and able

able to doe good workes, to the glory of thy holy name, Amen.

God preserue his Church, &c.

Grace before meate.

GLorie, honour & praise be given to thée, O Lord, which dost feed vs from our tender age, & giuest sustenance to every liuing thing: replenish our hearts with ioy, & gladnes: that we alwaies hauing sufficient, may be rich and plentiful in al good workes, through our Lord, Iesus Christ, Amen.

Grace after meate.

WHatsoeuer ye do in word or déed, do all in y name of our Lord Iesus Christ giuing thanks vnto God the Father by him. Blessing, glorie, wisedome, thanks, honour, power, and might, be vnto our God, for euermore, Amen.

This little Catechisme learned,
by heart (for so it ought:)
The PRIMER next comanded is
for Children to be taught.



